

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 11, 18, 19 and 20.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein said member of the identification device is curved and each one of said pair of ends of said member of the identification device is coupled to a portion of the infant article by tension.

5. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein at least a portion of said member of the identification device comprising an adhesive; a portion of said member of the identification device adhesively coupled to a portion of the infant article.

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6. (Previously Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 4 further comprising a strap having an end and an opposite end, a portion of a first end of said member of the identification device having a slot and a portion of a second end of said member of the identification device having a slot, said slot of said first end of said member selectively receiving said end of said strap, said slot of said second end of said member selectively receiving said opposite end of said strap so that a combination of said member of the identification device and said strap is coupled to the infant article when said end of said strap is coupled to said opposite end of said strap.

7. (Previously Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 6 wherein the combination of said strap of the identification device and said member of the identification device is coupled to the infant.

8. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein said label is coupled to a portion of a surface of said recess.

9. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein said label is coupled to a portion of a surface of said retainer.

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10. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein a portion of said side of said label received by said recess of said member of the identification device and enclosed by said retainer comprises a visible identifier selected from the group consisting of at least a name of an infant, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 4 22 wherein at least a portion of the identification device comprises an identifier selected from the group consisting of a programmable semi-conductor chip, a digital data recording device, a radio frequency identification device and a barcode.

13. (Currently Amended) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 22 wherein both said member of the identification device having said recess and said retainer of the identification device comprises transparent plastic to provide little opportunity for fluid accumulation in said recess of said member of the identification device thereby protecting said label from destruction by a fluid.

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14. (Currently Amended) An integral identification device for an infant comprising, in combination:

an infant article;

a label coupled to a portion of the integral identification device for providing personal information of the infant;

the integral identification device comprising an identification portion of the infant article, said identification portion having a recess for receiving a label; and

a retainer coupled to said recess of the identification portion of the infant article, said retainer for enclosing and completely covering said label in said recess.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 14 wherein a portion of said label comprising a visible identifier of the infant selected from the group consisting of an infant's name, at least an infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current history of immunizations, at least a medication, at least an emergency telephone number, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print.

17. (Original) The identification device for an infant according to Claim 14 wherein at least a portion of the identification device comprises an identifier selected from the group consisting of a programmable semiconductor chip, a digital data recording device, a radio frequency identification device and a barcode.

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The method for using an identifier device for an infant according to Claim ~~19~~ 23 further comprising the steps of:

providing at least a portion of said member of the identification device comprises an adhesive, a portion of said member of the identification device adhesively coupled to a portion of the infant article; and

providing a strap having an end and an opposite end, a portion of a first end of said member of the identification device having a slot and a portion of a second end of said member of the identification device having a slot, said slot of said first end of said member selectively receiving said end of said strap, said slot of said second end of said member selectively receiving said opposite end of said strap so that the combination of said member of the identification device and said strap is coupled to the infant article when said end of said strap is coupled to said opposite end of said strap.

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22. (New) An identification device for an infant comprising, in combination:

an infant article;

a label having a side and an opposite side, said label including personal information of the infant;

a member of the identification device, said member comprising a pair of ends, each one of said ends of said member of the identification device coupled to a portion of the infant article, said label coupled to a portion of said member of the identification device;

a portion of a surface of said member of the identification device having a recess for receiving said label;

a retainer coupled to said recess of said member of the identification device enclosing said label in said recess of said member of the identification device; and

a portion of said opposite side of said label received by said recess of said member of the identification device and enclosed by said retainer comprising at least a visible list of personal information of the infant selected from the group consisting of an infant's name, at least an infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current history of immunizations, at least a medication, at least an emergency telephone number, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print.

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23. (New) A method for using an identifier device for an infant comprising the steps of:

providing an infant article;

providing a label having a side and an opposite side, said label including personal information of the infant;

providing a member of the identification device, said member comprising a pair of ends, each one of said ends of said member of the identification device coupled to a portion of the infant article, said label coupled to a portion of said member of the identification device;

providing a portion of a surface of said member of the identification device having a recess for receiving said label;

coupling a retainer to said recess of said member of the identification device, enclosing said label in said recess of said member of the identification device;

providing a portion of said side of said label received by said recess of said member of the identification device and enclosed by said retainer comprising a visible identifier selected from the group consisting of at least a name of an infant, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print;

providing a portion of said opposite side of said label received by said recess of said member of the identification device and enclosed by said retainer comprising at least a visible list of personal information of the infant selected from the group consisting of an infant's name, at least an infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current history of immunizations, at least a medication, at least an emergency telephone number, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print; and

providing at least a portion of the identification device comprises an identifier selected from the group consisting of a

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programmable semi-conductor chip, a digital data recording device, a radio frequency identification device and a barcode.

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